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Office Action Summary

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George R. Koch III

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/25/2004.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakazawa (US Patent 5,306,381).

The actual structural components of claim 1 are the thermocompression bonding means which are a pair of heat rollers and temperature measurement members for measuring the temperatures of the heat rollers (taken to be heated rollers, such as items 430 and 431 and their functional equivalents). The limitation as to having “a double sided lamination mode” and “single sided lamination mode” is a method limitation that the apparatus must be capable of doing but otherwise adds no structural weight. Furthermore, the limitation of the system is “automatically distinguished by comparing measured temperatures of said heat rollers by said temperature measurement means at a predetermined time after turn-on of the power of the double side lamination system with a predetermined reference temperature” is also a method

limitation that the apparatus must be capable of doing but otherwise adds no structural weight.

Nakazawa discloses a double side lamination comprising a thermocompression bonding means (items 40a and 40b), and temperature measurement members for measuring the temperatures of the heat rollers (taken to be items 430 and 431 and their functional equivalents). Nakazawa also discloses temperature measurement members for measuring the temperatures of the heat rollers (items T1, T2, see Figure 5 and column 5, lines 21-25). The apparatus is capable of having both double and single side lamination modes (to effect the single side mode, simply remove one of the webs). The apparatus is capable of automatically distinguishing by comparing measured temperatures of said heat rollers by said temperature measurement means at a predetermined time after turn-on of the power of the double side lamination system with a predetermined reference temperature, and discloses control structures as to this effect (see Figure 6).

As to claim 2, Nakawaza discloses that if the measured temperature is lower than a reference temperature, then the lamination is not carried out (see figure 6). Nakazawa is capable of having the settings changed so that single sided lamination for lamination is carried out.

As to claims 3-4, Nakazawa discloses display panels and display means which are capable of displaying the operational state of the apparatus (column 13, lines 2-7).

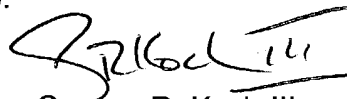
As to claims 5-8, Nakazawa discloses a drive control system (see Figure 4), and the control system of Nakazawa is capable of automatically changing the drive system as claimed.

As to claims 9-16, Nakazawa is capable of having the type of heat roller mounted being distinguished by a value of the temperature of the heat roller at a predetermined time after turn-on of the power of the double side lamination system, and internal control parameters are automatically optimized according to said type of heat roller.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George R. Koch III whose telephone number is (571) 272-1230 (TDD only). If the applicant cannot make a direct TDD-to-TDD call, the applicant can communicate by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and giving the operator the above TDD number. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 10-7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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